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REMARKS

Claims 35 and 36 are pending in the application upon entry of this amendment. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 35 and 36 stand allowed. All remaining claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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